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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ZIMBABWE: DIVIDED THEY STAND

EMBASSY LUSAKA REPORTS THAT THE ZAMBIAN PRESS HEADLINED THE
FAILURE OF THE "FRONT LINE" PRESIDENTS TO UNITE THE BICKER-
ING ZIMBABWEAN FACTIONS. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS:

--ZAPU'S NKOMO REJECTED CALLS FOR UNITY, INSISTING
THAT GROUPS OPERATING OUTSIDE ,IMBABWE DO NOT REPRE-
SENT THE INTERESTS OF ZIMBABWEANS.

--BISHOP MUZOREWA OF ZANU CALLED FOR UNITY BASED ON
THE 1974 AGREEMENT WHICH NAMED HIM LEADER OF AN AMAL-
GAMATED AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

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--THIRD FORCE LEADER MUGABE CLAIMED THAT UNITY HAD

BEEN ACHIEVED THROUGH THE 1974 AGREEMENT, BUT "SOME"
(READ NKOMO) FAILED TO HONOR IT.

--FACED WITH THEIR FAILURE TO UNITE THE RIVAL FACTIONS,
THE FIVE PRESIDENTS MAY BE MOVING TOWARD RECOGNIZING
ZANU AND ZAPU AS SEPARATE POLITICAL ENTITIES. (LIM TED
OFFICIAL USE) LUSAKA 2306, 9/7.)

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2. DJIBOUTI INDEPENDENCE: SOMALIA TO WAIT AND SEE

WITH ALI AREF'S RESIGNATION FROM THE TFAI PRESIDENCY AND
WITH THE TFAI ON A SLOW BUT SURE COURSE TOWARD INDEPEN-
DENCE, THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT IS RELATIVELY RELAXED ON THE
DJIBOUTI ISSUE. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SOMALIS:

--RETAIN A DEEP SUSPICION OF FRENCH INTENTIONS; AND

--APPEAR AS CONFUSED AS OTHER FOREIGN OBSERVERS ABOUT
INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRITORY'S PRINCIPAL
POLITICAL GROUP, THE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S INDEPENDENCE
LEAGUE.

EMBASSY COMMENT: SOMALIA, WHOSE ECONOMY IS REELING FROM
DROUGHT, SEEMS CONTENT TO LET EVENTS IN THE TFAI CONTINUE
THEIR BASICALLY FAVORABLE DRIFT. BUT SHOULD THE DOMESTIC
SITUATION IMPROVE, THE GSDR MIGHT WELL DECIDE THAT POLITICAL
ACTION, INCLUDING VIOLENCE IN DJIBOUTI, IS WITHIN ITS CAPA-
BILITIES AND IN ITS INTEREST. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOGADISCIO
1445, 9/7.)

3. SPAIN: OPPOSITION TAKES A STEP TOWARD AN ALTERNATIVE

AFTER THEIR MUCH PUBLICIZED SUMMIT SEPTEMBER 4, SPANISH
OPPOSITION GROUPS ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE:

--ACCUSING THE GOVERNMENT OF REVERTING TO "REFORMIST
POSITIONS WHICH HAVE ALREADY FAILED;"

--ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF A COORDINATING COMMITTEE
TO STUDY AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FOR THE POLITICAL TRAN-
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SITION; AND

--CALLING FOR CONTINUED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOVERN-
MENT.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE PARTICIPANTS VIEW THE SUMMIT AS AN
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FIRST STEP TOWARD THE ARTICULATION OF
A UNIFIED OPPOSITION PROGRAM FOR POLITICAL CHANGE. THE

RATHER MODERATE COMMUNIQUE, THE GOVERNMENT'S TOLERATION OF THE SUMMIT, AND SUAREZ' RECENT MEETING WITH POPULAR SOCIALIST LEADER TIERNO GALVAN HAVE AMELIORATED TENSIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LEFTIST OPPOSITION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MADRID 6814, 9/7.)

4. THE SHAH ON DEALING WITH THE SAUDIS

IN A CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR BAYH SEPTEMBER 6, THE SHAH GAVE ASSURANCES THAT THERE IS NO MILITARY RIVALRY BETWEEN IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA BUT INDICATED UNCERTAINTY ABOUT CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH THE SAUDI LEADERSHIP, COMPLAINING OF DIFFICULTY IN KNOWING WITH WHOM ONE SHOULD SPEAK. THE SHAH HAD ORIGINALLY PEGGED PRINCE FAHD AS THE DECISION-MAKER, BUT CONCEDED THIS IS NOT THE CASE. CALLING KING KHALID A DECENT MAN, WHO INSISTS ON APPROVING EVERYTHING, THE SHAH CLAIMED SUCCESS IN DEALING PERSONALLY WITH KHALID ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAUDI FINANCING OF THE JORDANIAN HAWK MISSILE PURCHASE. (SECRET) TEHRAN 9027 (EXDIS), 9/7.)

5. LIBYA-US: QADHAFI TURNS TABLE ON DE BORCHGRAVE

FOLLOWING HIS SEPTEMBER 4 INTERVIEW, QADHAFI SUMMONED NEWSWEEK'S ARNAUD DE BORCHGRAVE AND, IN A REVERSAL OF ROLES, ASKED THE JOURNALIST:

--IF THE US WOULD SUPPORT AN EGYPTIAN MILITARY ACTION AGAINST LIBYA;

--WHETHER THE US REALLY WANTS A DIALOG WITH LIBYA;

--TO TELL HIS AMERICAN FRIENDS THAT US-LIBYAN RAPPROCHEMENT IS IMPORTANT TO BOTH COUNTRIES; AND
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--TO RETURN TO TRIPOLI SHOULD HE BE NEEDED TO SERVE AS A MEDIATOR OR MESSENGER. (CONFIDENTIAL) TRIPOLI 1181 (LIMDIS), 9/7.) KISSINGER

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